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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated August 13, 2001, such extension allowing the undersigned until January 14, 2002 (as January 13 is a Sunday), to respond.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0108 in the amount of \$400.00 as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter. If the USPTO determines that an additional fee is necessary, please charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 09-0108.

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